

May 18, 2020

Town of Golden Meadow
107 Jervis Drive
Golden Meadow, LA 70357

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Golden Meadow met for their regular scheduled meeting on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 Jervis Drive, Golden Meadow, LA 70357. "Pursuant to proclamation JBE 2020-30 of the governor of the State of Louisiana, the Town of Golden Meadow hereby certifies that, without the use of telephone and or video teleconferencing, it would otherwise be unable to operate due to the quorum requirement of La.R.S. 42:19."

Those present were: Mayor Joey Bouziga
Councilman Ashton Cheramie
Councilman Jody Cheramie
Councilman Laci Latiolais
Councilman Lindberg Lorraine
Councilman Willis Touns

Others attending via conference call was Bryce Autin, Chief Troy Dufrene, Jamie Liner, John Plaisance, and McNeely Rome, Jr..

Mayor Joey Bouziga called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Councilman Willis Touns led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Jody Cheramie led everyone in prayer.

Councilman Lindberg Lorraine presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving the minutes from the April 20, 2020 minutes as presented. Voting was as follows: Yeas: Councilman Ashton Cheramie, Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Lindberg Lorraine, Councilman Willis Touns; Nays: None; Absent: None; Abstained: None.

Mayor Joey Bouziga presented the building permit applications as follows:

- Gaubert Oil Company, Inc. – North Alex Plaisance Blvd. re-division of property was reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. Mr. McNeely Rome, Jr. informed the Mayor and Council the planning and Zoning Commission unanimously recommended the Council approve the re-division of property submitted by Gaubert oil Company, Inc. Councilman Willis Touns presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving the re-division of property owned by Gaubert Oil Company, Inc. located on North Alex Plaisance Blvd. upon the unanimous recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Voting was as follows: Yeas: Councilman Ashton Cheramie, Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Lindberg Lorraine, Councilman Willis Touns; Nays: None; Absent: None; Abstained: None.
- Gaubert Oil Company, Inc. – North Alex Plaisance Blvd. design of an RV Park including a service building was reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. Mr. McNeely Rome, Jr. informed the Mayor and Council the Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously recommended the Council approve the design of the RV Park with the stipulations set by Town Ordinance. Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Willis Touns seconded approving the design of the RV Park with the stipulations set by Town Ordinance upon the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Voting was as follows: Yeas: Councilman Ashton Cheramie, Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Lindberg Lorraine, Councilman Willis Touns; Nays: None; Absent: None; Abstained: None.

Engineer John Plaisance presented the project status report as follows:

- Sewer Phase IV – Uriah Lasseigne – Callais Lane – Engineer Plaisance stated the color of the mortar has improved, but it remains unacceptable. The Masonry will be contacted to repaint the mortar that does not match.
- Sewer Phase VI – (EDA Sewer Grant) – LA Contracting Enterprise is completing another job and should begin next week.
- LGAP Handicap parking in Oakridge Park was funded \$26,600.00 – Mayor Joey Bouziga stated we would try to work on this in house if possible in order to save funds.

Attorney Bryce Autin had no report to present.

Chief Troy Dufrene requested the Council declare used uniforms surplus junk no longer useful. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving the used uniforms be declared surplus junk and be destroyed. Voting was as follows: Yeas: Councilman Ashton Cheramie, Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Lindberg Lorraine, Councilman Willis Toups; Nays: None; Absent: None; Abstained: None.

Chief Troy Dufrene requested the Council declare several VCR training tapes surplus junk and no longer useful. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving the VCR training tapes be declared surplus junk and smashed then disposed. Voting was as follows: Yeas: Councilman Ashton Cheramie, Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Lindberg Lorraine, Councilman Willis Toups; Nays: None; Absent: None; Abstained: None.

Councilman Troy Dufrene requested the Council declare the 2013 Chevy Tahoe a surplus vehicle and be placed for sale. Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving the 2013 Chevy Tahoe a surplus vehicle and be placed for sale on GovDeals. Voting was as follows: Yeas: Councilman Ashton Cheramie, Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Lindberg Lorraine, Councilman Willis Toups; Nays: None; Absent: None; Abstained: None.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council the sidewalk construction near Doucet Drive should begin very soon. The contract for construction should be executed tomorrow.

Durvin Lombas – 2400 North Bayou Drive House B was served a letter from the Town and was scheduled a hearing with the Department of Health which never took place. The property owner has never attempted to contact the Town Hall to discuss repairs or the Board of Health to make arrangements to repair the sewer problems. After a brief discussion, Councilman Ashton Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving the Lafourche Parish Water District be contacted to have the water turned off due to hazardous conditions being created by sewer running under the house. Voting was as follows: Yeas: Councilman Ashton Cheramie, Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Lindberg Lorraine, Councilman Willis Toups; Nays: None; Absent: None; Abstained: None.

Councilman Laci Latiolais stated she would like to prepare for the opening of the Golden Meadow Public Swimming Pool. Councilman Latiolais stated there would be specific protocols which will need to be followed. A lengthy discussion took place. Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving June 1, 2020 as the target date for opening the swimming pool. Voting was as follows: Yeas: Councilman Ashton Cheramie, Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Lindberg Lorraine, Councilman Willis Toups; Nays: None; Absent: None; Abstained: None.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council preparations are being made to open specific areas of Oakridge Park. A lengthy discussion took place. Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded approving Oakridge Park be open once the playground equipment has been wrapped and the picnic areas are blocked off along with the basketball court and skate park according to the Governor's Proclamation, and the walking trail, baseball facilities, and fishing areas will be opened. Anyone wishing to picnic will be allowed to bring their own tables and chairs. Voting was as follows: Yeas: Councilman Ashton Cheramie, Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Lindberg Lorraine, Councilman Willis Toups; Nays: None; Absent: None; Abstained: None.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council Attorney Bryce Autin is drafting an Intergovernmental Agreement with LPSO for the use of detail police officers.

Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded appointing Mr. James Rebstock to replace Chief Troy Dufrene on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Voting was as follows: Yeas: Councilman Ashton Cheramie, Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Lindberg Lorraine, Councilman Willis Toups; Nays: None; Absent: None; Abstained: None.

Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded authorizing Mayor Joey Bouziga execute an agreement between the Town of Golden Meadow and the State of Louisiana DOTD for Street Maintenance including mowing and litter pick-up for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. Voting was as follows: Yeas: Councilman Ashton Cheramie, Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Lindberg Lorraine, Councilman Willis Toups; Nays: None; Absent: None; Abstained: None.

Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded authorizing Mayor Joey Bouziga sign as the Certifying Official, authorizing the Town Clerk Jamie Liner as an authorized signature for Pay Request and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine as the second person as an authorized person for the Local Governor Assistance Program. Voting was as follows: Yeas: Councilman Ashton Cheramie, Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Lindberg Lorraine, Councilman Willis Toups; Nays: None; Absent: None; Abstained: None.

Councilman Ashton Cheramie requested adding a discussion regarding Sales Tax to the agenda. Mayor Joey Bouziga requested any questions or comments in opposition to adding the aforesaid to the agenda. With no objections Councilman Ashton Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving Sale Tax be added to the agenda. Voting was as follows: Yeas: Councilman Ashton Cheramie, Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Lindberg Lorraine, Councilman Willis Toups; Nays: None; Absent: None; Abstained: None. Voting was as follows: Yeas: Councilman Ashton Cheramie, Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Lindberg Lorraine, Councilman Willis Toups; Nays: None; Absent: None; Abstained: None.

Councilman Ashton Cheramie asked questions regarding the status of the collection of Sales Tax since COVID-19. The Mayor stated with the budget cuts discussed at the last Council meeting and the Town Clerk stated there was not a big decrease in Sales Tax. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated employees of the Town are very conscious of spending and keep purchases to a minimal.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested any further business to discuss.

Councilman Willis Toups asked everyone to pray for the families who were affected by COVID-19.

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With no further business to discuss, Councilman Jody Cherie presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving the meeting adjourn at 8:01 P.M. Voting was as follows: Yeas: Councilman Ashton Cherie, Councilman Jody Cherie, Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Lindberg Lorraine, Councilman Willis Toups; Nays: None; Absent: None; Abstained: None.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

**JAMIE LINER, TOWN CLERK
ADMINISTRATIVE ASST. TO THE MAYOR**